

**Edwards Secures \$118,750 to Install Godley Traffic Light at SH 171/FM 2331 Intersection to Improve Safety for Local Citizens**

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Chet Edwards announced that \$118,750 has been secured to install a traffic light at the intersection of SH 171 and FM 2331 to improve traffic safety in Godley. The funding was included by Edwards, at the request of Godley citizens, in the final 2009 Appropriations bill, which passed the House today by a vote of 245 to 178.

“This funding will enable a traffic light to be installed to make this intersection safer for local residents,” said Edwards. “I am pleased that we were able to include this funding because it will help local leaders improve transportation and plan for the future.”

The traffic light at the intersection of SH 171 and FM 2331 North will be a full red/green signal, not an amber flashing light. Over the past several years, a number of Godley residents have expressed to Edwards their support for a light at the intersection, because of safety concerns about the high volume of auto and truck traffic there.

Godley Mayor, David Wallis added, “We are extremely pleased to learn that funding has been approved for a traffic light in our city. This light is an integral part of our plan to reduce the danger and congestion faced by motorists coming through our city. Its presence will have an immediate and positive impact and is the culmination of many months of hard work. The City of Godley is very grateful that Congressman Edwards took a personal interest in the welfare of our citizens.”

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has estimated present traffic to be 6400 vehicles a day on SH 171 and 3100 vehicles on FM 2331, including truck traffic. TxDOT has estimated that with a 3% population growth rate over the next 20 years, future traffic could be 11600 vehicles per day on SH 171 and 5600 vehicles per day on FM 2331.

After TxDOT indicated they would not allocate state highway funds to build the project, Edwards pursued options for federal funds. TxDOT has agreed to pay for the planning costs once Edwards could obtain federal funds for the traffic light.